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LE SAGE

NOTES UPON A UNIQUE COLLECTION

OF HIS

EDITIONS ORIGINALES



LE SAGE

THE FINEST AND MOST COMPLETE
SET EXTANT OF HIS
EDITIONS ORIGINALES

TO WHICH IS ADDED

THE SOLE PERFECT COPY OF
THE EARLIEST KNOWN
ENGLISH EDITION

OF HIS IMMORTAL

“GIL BLAS”

1695-1893



G. MICHELMORE & CO.
5 ROYAL OPERA ARCADE, PALL MALL
LONDON, S.W.1

Cable and Telegraphic Address: “Facundia, London”

originales extant, far finer and more complete than that in the J. Pierpont Morgan Library.

This precious Collection comprises the First Issue of Le Sage's *magnum opus* "Gil Blas," with the title to Volume I dated 1714. Only two other copies are recorded, the Huntington and the Laugel. The Comte de Lignerolles' books were sold in 1894, but the first issue of "Gil Blas" is not to be found in the Sale Catalogue, although Le Petit states that the Comte possessed a copy.

Four other Collections of Le Sage's *éditions originales* are known :

1. The Bibliothèque Nationale.
2. The British Museum.
3. The J. Pierpont Morgan.
4. The Baron James de Rothschild.

Of these the Bibliothèque Nationale does not possess three of the *éditions originales* in the present Collection, the British Museum lacks no less than eighteen, the J. Pierpont Morgan does not possess ten, and the Baron James de Rothschild thirteen.

Of the six books comprising the First Editions in English and the counterfeit issue of "Le Théâtre Espagnol," etc., none is in the above-mentioned Libraries (except the British Museum, which possesses but one).

The Collection is ready for the Library shelves—forty-three volumes are in their original bindings of calf and one in original wrappers. Of the remaining sixteen volumes, fifteen are bound in levant morocco extra and one in calf extra.

A

LETTRES / GALANTES / D'ARISTENETE. / Traduites du
Grec. / Premiere Partie. / (Ornament)
A Rotterdam, / Chez Daniel De Graffe, / Marchand
Libraire. 1695. /

A to O in eights and fours alternately, including the title,
the last two leaves blank. The *Seconde Partie* has a separate title-
page at page 103.

12mo. *Original calf.*

The Author's First Book. Le Sage was twenty-seven years
of age at the time of its publication. Although the title bears
the Rotterdam imprint the book was printed at Chartres by the
Author's friend Danchet.

Not in Baron James de Rothschild's Library.

Height: 151 millimetres.

B

LE / THEATRE / ESPAGNOL, / Ou / Les Meilleures /
Comedies/Des Plus Fameux/Auteurs Espagnols. / Traduites
en François. / (Fleuron)

A Paris, / Chez Jean Moreau, rue Galande, / près
la Fontaine S. Severin, à l'Image / S. Jean l'Evangliste./
M.DCC. / Avec Privilege du Roy, / (1700)

Title and preliminaries, 8 leaves; A to Q¹ in twelves.

12mo. *Red morocco extra, the edges of the leaves marbled
under the gold, by Smears (signed and dated 1871).*

“Très rare,”—Guy Pellion Catalogue, 1882.

The present is a superb example, 161 millimetres in height.
Not in Baron James de Rothschild's Library.

C

LE / THEATRE / ESPAGNOL, / Ou les meilleures / Comedies /
Des plus fameux Auteurs / Espagnols. / Traduites en Fran-
çois. / (Fleuron)

A La Haye, / Chez Meindert Uytwerf, / Marchand
Libraire, dans le Hof- / straat, près la Cour. / M.DCC. /
(1700)

Title (in red and black) and preliminaries, 8 leaves; A to
L⁴ in twelves.

12mo. *Original calf.*

“Jolie contrefaçon de l’édition de Moreau” published in
the same year as the Edition Originale.

Unknown to Brunet. The Soleinne example is the sole
other copy recorded.

Not in the Bibliothèque Nationale, the J. Pierpont Morgan,
or Baron James de Rothschild Libraries.

D

NOUVELLES / AVANTURES / DE L'ADMIRABLE /
DON QUICHOTTE / De La Manche, / Composées / Par
le Licencié Alonso Fernandez / De Avellaneda: / Et traduites
de l'Espagnol en François, / pour la premiere fois. / Tome I. /
(Ornament)

A Paris, / Chez la Veuve de Claude Barbin, / au
Palais, sur le second Perron / de la Sainte Chapelle. /
M.DCCIV. / Avec Privilege Du Roy. / (1704)

Frontispiece and 8 plates by Clouzier. Title and preliminaries, 8 leaves; A to OO in eights and fours, alternately.

TOME II. Frontispiece and 7 plates by Clouzier. Title and preliminaries, four leaves; A to UU⁶ in eights and fours, alternately.

2 vols. 12mo. *Red morocco extra, gilt leaves, by Lortic.*

Le Sage's translation of Cervantes' *magnum opus*.

The magnificent Daguin example, 161½ millimetres in height. Baron James de Rothschild's copy was imperfect, wanting a plate in the first volume.

CRISPIN

R I V A L

DE SON MAÎTRE.

C O M E D I E.

Par Monsieur Le S**.

Le prix est de dix-huit sols.



A P A R I S ,

Chez P I E R R E R I B O U , sur le
Quay des Augustins, à la descente du
Pont Neuf, à l'Enge S. Louis.

M D C C V I I .

Avec Approbation & Privilège du Roy,

E

CRISPIN / RIVAL / DE SON MAÎTRE. / Comedie. / Par
 Monsieur Le S^{***}. / Le prix est de dix-huit sols. / (Fleuron)
 A Paris, / Chez Pierre Ribou, sur le / Quay des
 Augustins, à la descente du / Pont-Neuf, à l'Image
 S. Louis. / MDCCVII. / Avec Approbation & Privilege
 du Roy. / (1707)

Title, 1 leaf; A to G⁵ in sixes.

12mo. *Red morocco, gilt leaves, by Lortic.*

“Fort rare”—Brunet in 1878.

The superb Daguin example—probably the finest extant.
 Its height is 158 millimetres. Baron James de Rothschild's copy
 measured 153 millimetres. The Rochebilière example was
 imperfect and measured only 150 millimetres.

SEE ILLUSTRATION

NECK OR NOTHING, / A Farce. / In Two Acts. / As it is
performed at the / Theatre Royal / in Drury-Lane. / (Orna-
ment)

London: / Printed for T. Beckett and Co. near
Surry-Street, / in the Strand. MDCCLXVI. / [Price One
Shilling.] / (1766)

Title and preliminary, 2 leaves; B-F in fours (the last leaf
blank).

8vo. *Calf extra, gilt leaves.*

THE FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH of “Crispin Rival de Son Maître.” The advertisement to the book states: “The Author of the following Piece will claim no Merit that does not belong to him.—He therefore takes this opportunity of acknowledging his obligation to the celebrated Author of *Gil Blas*.—Trifling as it is, the following Farce is an imitation of the *Crispin Rival de Son Maître* of Le Sage.”

The “authorship” of this Farce is assigned to the celebrated Actor, David Garrick.

HORACE WALPOLE’S COPY, with the following interesting inscription on the title-page in his autograph: “acted for the first time Nov. 18.”

UNKNOWN TO LOWNDES. There is a copy in the British Museum.

LE
DIABLE
BOITEUX.



A PARIS;
Chez la Veuve BARBIN, au Palais, sur
le Perron de la sainte Chapelle.

• M. DCCVII.
AVEC PRIVILEGE DU ROT.

F

LE / DIABLE / BOITEUX. / (Fleuron, signed vc. ls)

A Paris, / Chez la Veuve Barbin, au Palais, sur /
le Perron de la sainte Chapelle. / M.DCCVII. / Avec
Privilege du Roy. / (1707)

Frontispiece by Magdaleine Horthemels. Title and preliminaries, 4 leaves; A to Dd⁷ in eights and fours, alternately.

12mo. *Original calf, enclosed in a red morocco case.*

“L’un des classiques français les plus rares en première édition.”—Monsieur Claudin.

There are two issues. Whilst passing through the press, pages 17 and 18 were altered in some copies. These CORRECTED EXAMPLES are FAR RARER than the uncorrected (see the Rochebilière Catalogue). *The present has the corrected pages.*

The finest known copy, 164 millimetres in height. The Rochebilière copy measured 162 millimetres, and was described as:

“Reliure fatiguée, et l’exemplaire a quelques petites taches facile à faire disparaître, mais les marges sont de toute beauté.”

There is no copy with the corrected pages 17 and 18 in the J. Pierpont Morgan Library.

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G

LE / DIABLE / BOITEUX. / Seconde Edition. / (Fleuron signed
v.c. l.s.)

A Paris, / Chez la Veuve Barbin, au Palais, sur /
le Perron de la sainte Chapelle. / M.DCCVII. / Avec
Privilege du Roy. / (1707)

Frontispiece by Magdaleine Horthemels. Title and pre-
liminaries, 6 leaves; A to Dd⁶ in eights and fours, alternately.

12mo. *Original calf.*

THE SECONDE EDITION ORIGINALE, published in the same
year as the first. It contains an additional chapter.

The present superb example is probably the tallest extant.
Its height is 165½ millimetres. The Rochebilière copy was im-
perfect, it lacked the engraved frontispiece, was wormed in the
margins, and was 4½ millimetres shorter.

The Third Edition has also "Seconde Edition" on the
title-page, but the *veritable* second edition, of which the present
is an example, can be distinguished by the following points :

(1) The fleuron on the title-page is signed in the garland at
bottom (as in the First Edition), with the initials v.c. and l.s.

(2) The fleuron at the head of the Dedication is the same
as in the First Edition and signed l.s.

(3) The word "Fin," page 318, is printed in Roman capitals, whereas in the false Second Edition it is printed in italic capitals.

This satirical novel was inspired by a Spanish work of the same period under the title: "El Diablo cojuelo," an amusing satire on the manners of Madrid, by Louis Velez de las Duenas y Guevara. It is to the memory of this Writer (Louis de Guevara, died in 1646) that Le Sage addressed his Dedicatory Epistle.

"Two courtiers fought a duel in Barbin's [the publisher] shop to decide who should have the last copy of the second edition of *Le Diable Boiteux*."—*Journal de Verdun*, 1707.

There is no copy in the Bibliothèque Nationale, neither is it in the J. Pierpont Morgan nor the Baron James de Rothschild's Libraries.

H

LE / DIABLE / BOITEUX. / Par Monsieur Le Sage. / Enrichi
de Figures. / Tome I. / Nouvelle Edition corrigée, refonduë,
Ornée / de Figures, & augmentée d'un Volume. / (Ornament)
A Paris, / Chez la Veuve Pierre Ribou, seul
Libraire / de l'Académie Roiale de Musique, Quai /
des Augustins, à la descente du Pont- / Neuf, à l'Image
Saint Louis. / M.DCC.XXVI. / Avec Privilege du Roy. /
(1726)

Frontispiece and brilliant impressions of the 6 plates by
F. Dubercelle. A to O in twelves, including the title and the
last leaf (blank).

TOME II. 6 plates by Dubercelle. A to M in twelves,
O, 8 leaves, P, 2 leaves, including the title.
2 vols. 12mo. *Original calf.*

An entirely new text.

Le Sage revised and considerably modified the original text
and added a second volume.

The present is in all probability the finest copy extant. Its
height is $163\frac{1}{2}$ millimetres. Not in the J. Pierpont Morgan or
Baron James de Rothschild Libraries.

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L E
D I A B L E
B O I T E U X.

Par Monsieur L E S A G E.

Enrichi de Figures.

T O M E I.

*Nouvelle Edition corrigée, refondue, Ornée
de Figures, & augmentée d'un Volume.*



A P A R I S,

Chez la Veuve PIERRE RIBOU, seul Libraire
de l'Académie Roiale de Musique, Quai
des Augustins, à la descente du Pont-
Neuf, à l'Image Saint Louis.

M. DCC. XXVI.

AVEC PRIVILEGE DU ROY.

I

LE / DIABLE / BOITEUX. / Par Monsieur Le Sage. / Nouvelle
Édition, / Corrigée, refondue, augmentée d'un volume par /
L'Auteur, & ornée de Figures, / Avec / LES ENTRETIENS
SERIEUX, / & COMIQUES DES CHEMINÉES DE MADRID, / et /
Les Bequilles Dudit Diable. / Par Monsieur *** / Tome
Premier. / (Ornament)

A Paris, / Chez Prault pere, Quai de Gêvres, / au
Paradis. / M.DCC.XXXVII. / Avec Approbation & Privilège
du Roi. (1737)

Brilliant impressions of the frontispiece and 6 plates by
F. Dubercelle. Half title; A to Ee¹ in eights and fours, alternately,
including the title-leaf; a, 8 leaves, b, 2 leaves for the Table.

TOME SECOND. Brilliant impressions of the 5 plates by Duber-
celle. Title, 1 leaf; A to Ff in eights and fours, alternately.

2 vols. 12mo. *Original calf.*

THE DEFINITIVE ÉDITION ORIGINALE. It contains the édition
originale of the "Entretiens des cheminées de Madrid." The
"Bequilles du Diable boiteux," which Le Sage placed at the end
of this edition is by the Abbé Bordelon.

A very fine and tall copy—163½ millimetres.

There is no copy of this important edition in the J. Pierpont
Morgan or Baron James de Rothschild Libraries.

LE / DIABLE BOITEUX: / or, THE / DEVIL / UPON /
TWO STICKS. / Translated from the Last Edition at
Paris, / with several Additions. /

London: / Printed for Jacob Tonson, within
Grays- / Inn Gate next Grays-Inn Lane. 1708. /

Brilliant impression of the engraved frontispiece. Title and
preliminary, 2 leaves; B to L in eights; M, 4 leaves; N to T
in eights.

8vo. *Original calf.*

The First Edition of the First English Translation which
appeared the year following the Edition Originale.

NOT IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

K

TURCARET. / Comedie. / Par Monsieur Le Sage. / Le prix est
de vingt sols. / (Ornament)

A Paris, / Chez Pierre Ribou, sur le Quay / des
Augustins, à la Descente du Pont / Neuf, à l'Image
S. Louïs. / M.DCC.IX. / Avec Approbation, & Privilege
du Roy. / (1709)

Title and preliminaries, 8 leaves; A to O in sixes.

12mo. *Red morocco, gilt leaves, by Cuzin.*

The beautiful Guy-Pellion copy of this *chef-d'œuvre*.
Probably the tallest extant. It measures 151 millimetres, 2 milli-
metres taller than Baron James de Rothschild's copy. The Roche-
bilière example was imperfect, wanting the Privilege, and the
Hoe lacked the first part of the "Critique" (3 leaves).

This very clever Comedy is a virulent satire upon the
financiers of the period.

The preliminary leaves contain the "Critique de Turcaret
par le Diable Boiteux."

L

HISTOIRE / DE / GIL BLAS / de Santillane. / Tome Premier. /
(Fleuron)

A Paris, / Chez Pierre Ribou, Quay des / Augustins,
à la Descente du Pont Neuf, / à l'Image saint Loüis. /
M.DCC.XIV / Avec Approbation, & Privilege du Roy. /
(1714)

8 plates. Title and preliminaries, 5 leaves; A to Ii in eights
and fours, alternately; Kk, 6 leaves.

Histoire / de / Gil Blas / de Santillane. / Par Monsieur Le Sage. /
Enrichie de Figures. / Tome Second. / (Fleuron)

A Paris, / Chez Pierre Ribou, Quay des / Augustins,
à la Descente du Pont Neuf, / à l'Image saint Loüis. /
M.DCC.XV. / Avec Approbation, & Privilege du Roy. /
(1715)

9 plates. Title and preliminaries, 4 leaves; A to Ee in
eights and fours, alternately.

Histoire / de / Gil Blas / de Santillane. / Par M. Le Sage. / Tome
Troisième. / Edition Nouvelle. / (Fleuron)

A Paris, / Chez la veuve Pierre Ribou, Quay des /
Augustins, à l'Image S. Loüis. / M.DCC.XXIV. / Avec
Approbation & Privilege du Roy. / (1724)

8 plates. Title and preliminaries, 4 leaves; A to Gg in
eights and fours, alternately; Hh, 2 leaves.

HISTOIRE
DE
GIL BLAS
DE SANTILLANE.

TOME PREMIER.



A PARIS,
Chez PIERRE RIBOU, Quay des
Augustins, à la Descente du Pont Neuf,
à l'Image saint Louis.

M. DCC. XIV.

Avec Approbation, & Privilège du Roy.

Histoire / de / Gil Blas / de Santillanc. / Par M. Le Sage. /
Tome IV. / (Fleuron)

A Paris, / Chez Pierre-Jacques Ribou, vis-à-vis / la
Comedie Française, à l'Image S. Lotiis. / M.DCC.XXXV. /
Avec Approbation & Privilege du Roy. / (1735)

8 plates. Title and preliminaries, 4 leaves; A to Ee in
eights and fours, alternately; Ff, 7 leaves.

4 vols. 12mo. *Original calf. Enclosed in a red morocco box.*

THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE EDITION ORIGINALE OF THIS
IMMORTAL WORK—LE SAGE'S *magnum opus*—with the 1714
title to Tome I. ONLY TWO OTHER EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN,
the Huntington and the Laugel.

The title to the first volume, besides being dated 1714, a
year earlier than the ordinary issue, is quite different in setting
to that issue.

Monsieur Jules Le Petit in his "Bibliographie des princi-
pales Editions Originales" states:

"Il existe de *très rares exemplaires* de ce premier volume
avec la date de M.DCC.XIV. (Deux grands bibliophiles de Paris,
M. le Comte de Lignerolles et M. Laugel, en possèdent chacun
un exemplaire.")

Nevertheless, although M. Le Petit printed that statement
in 1888, the catalogue of the sale of the Comte de Lignerolles'
Library (March 1894) does not mention the First Issue but
the Edition Originale with the 1715 title.

The collation of the first volume of the First Issue differs
from that of the ordinary issue.

The title-page has not the words: "Par Monsieur Le Sage Enrichie de Figures." (This fact is unrecorded by Le Petit.)

There are 5 preliminary leaves instead of 6, as in the *édition originale*. These, however, contain exactly the same material, viz.: the title (verso blank) 1 leaf; Declaration de l'auteur, 1 leaf; Table des Chapitres, 2 leaves; Gil Blas au lecteur, 1 leaf. Text, 394 pages numbered. Fautes d'Impression, 1 leaf (verso blank).

Le Petit could never have seen a copy of this First Issue for he says nothing whatever of the above differences.

The collation of the other three volumes agrees with the ordinary issue.

The Edition Originale of 1715-34 is described in the catalogue of the Guy-Pellion Library as "d'une extrême rareté." That copy sold for 2,400 francs in 1882, and Monsieur Claudin states: "Il est extrêmement difficile de réunir ces quatre volumes, qui donnent ainsi le texte entier, paru à des intervalles assez éloignés l'un et de l'autre. Les deux premiers, à la date 1715, sont fort rares, surtout lorsqu'ils sont grands de marges et bien conservés."

The present example of the First Issue has the plates in volumes 1, 2, and 3 *en premier état*, i.e., *avant la lettre et le nom de Dubercelle*; the plates in volume 4 are with the name of Dubercelle.

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HISTOIRE / DE / GIL BLAS / De Santillane. / Par M. Le
Sage. / Dernière Edition revue, & corrigée. / Tome Premier. /
(Ornament)

A Paris, / Par les Libraires Associés. / M.DCC.XLVII. /

Avec Approbation & Privilege du Roy. / (1747)

8 plates. Half-title, title (in red and black), and prelim-
inaries, 4 leaves; A to Ll in eights and fours, alternately.

TOME SECOND. 9 plates. Half-title and title (in red and
black), 2 leaves; A to Ee in eights and fours, alternately;
Ff, 6 leaves (the last blank).

TOME TROISIÈME. 8 plates. Half-title and title (in red
and black), 2 leaves; A to Hh in eights and fours, alternately;
Ii, 6 leaves.

TOME QUATRIÈME. 7 plates. Half-title, title (in red and
black), and preliminaries, 4 leaves; A to Hh in eights and
fours, alternately. Approbation & Privilege du Roy, 2 leaves.

(1747)

4 vols. 12mo. *Original calf. Enclosed in a red morocco box.*

The Definitive Edition Originale.

A superb copy of the Original Issue in its original binding.

It is the last edition revised and published by Le Sage and fixes the text for all the posterior editions of this World-famous Classic.

A very large copy, 166½ millimetres in height. The Rochebilière example described as “*très grande de marges*” was 1½ millimetres shorter.

The Lignerolles copy, in a modern binding by Trautz-Bauzonnet, passed into Baron James de Rothschild's Library (see his Catalogue, No. 1549, no size given).

The “points” by which this, the Original Issue, can be recognized from the counterfeit of the same date are :

(1) The capital J is long and extends beyond the bottom of the line; in the counterfeit the J finishes level with the bottom of the line.

(2) The fleuron on page 1 represents a ruined temple or palace.

(3) Page 369 (vol. iv) has the imprint at the bottom of the page : “De l'imprimerie de Quillau, 1747.” In the counterfeit this does not appear.

THE
HISTORY
AND
ADVENTURES
OF
GIL BLAS
OF
SANTILLANE.

IN THREE VOLUMES.

VOL. I.

THE THIRD EDITION.

LONDON:

Printed for JACOB TONSON, at *Shakeſpear's*
Head in the Strand. 1732.

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THE / HISTORY / AND / ADVENTURES / OF / GIL
BLAS / of / Santillane. / In Three Volumes. / Vol 1. / The
Third Edition. /

London: / Printed for Jacob Tonson, at Shake-
spear's / Head in the Strand. 1732. /

Frontispiece. Title and preliminaries, 7 leaves; B to P¹ in
twelves.

Vol. II. "In Three Volumes" is omitted from the title-
page. Frontispiece. Title and preliminaries, 3 leaves; B to O⁸
in twelves.

Vol. III. Frontispiece. Title (as in vol. ii) and preliminaries,
5 leaves; B to P in twelves.

Vol. IV. The / History / and / Adventures / of / Gil Blas /
of / Santillane. / Vol. IV. /

*London: / Printed for J. Nourse, at the Lamb with-
out / Temple-Bar ; and F. Cogan, at the Middle- / Temple-
Gate in Fleetstreet. 1735. /*

Frontispiece. Title and preliminaries, 6 leaves; B to Q⁶ in
twelves (the last leaf comprising a Catalogue of Books published
by F. Cogan and J. Nourse).

4 vols. 12mo. *Original calf.*

THE EARLIEST COMPLETE EDITION KNOWN OF THE FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION. NO LESS THAN 29 YEARS EARLIER THAN THE FIRST TRANSLATION MENTIONED BY LOWNDES (the 1761 edition).

NO PERFECT COPIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND EDITIONS ARE KNOWN, and the present is THE SOLE PERFECT COPY OF THE THIRD EDITION THAT CAN BE TRACED, but one other (imperfect) is known, lacking the fourth volume.

Henri van Laun, who published an admirable English translation of this famous book in 1886, searched indefatigably for early translations but could find no edition of the present translation earlier than 1737 (4th volume dated 1742), that is 5 and 7 years respectively, later than the present edition. We quote from Van Laun's "Introductory Notice": "Gil Blas has already several times been translated into English. . . . The oldest of these translations is anonymous, and is called 'The History and adventures of Gil Blas de Santillane.' The first three volumes were published by J. & R. Tonson, London, 1737; the fourth in 1742, by J. Nourse at the Lamb without Temple-Bar, and T. Cogan at the Middle Temple Gate in Fleet Street. It was reprinted by Messrs. Willison & Darling, Edinburgh, 1771."

Martin Smart published a translation in 1807 and in his Preface alludes to the then two previous translations—"the earliest (which is anonymous, and has its *fourth edition dated* 1737), and that which passes under the name of Smollett."

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GIL BLAS / Di Santillano. / Storia Piacevole / Del Sig. Le
Sage. / Tradotta dal Francese / Dal Dottore / Pietro Crocchi, /
Sanese. / Tomo Primo. / [Quotation from Horace] /

Londra: / Stampato da G. Cooper, a spese di
P. Molini e / T. Hookham. / M,DCC,LXXXIX. / (1789)
Title-page, 1 leaf; A to O⁷ in twelves.

TOMO SECONDO. A to M⁶ (the last leaf blank) in twelves,
including title.

TOMO TERZO. A to N⁸ in twelves, including title.

TOMO QUATRO. A to N⁶ in twelves, including title.
4 vols. 8vo. *Original calf.*

UNRECORDED.

The Editio Princeps in Italian is stated to have been issued
at Venice in 1755 in 7 volumes, but *no perfect copy is known*.
The only example (imperfect) recorded, is that in the Bibliothèque
Nationale, which wants Vols. I, IV, V, VI, and VII, so that
only Vols. II and III are known.

The earliest edition, of which a perfect copy exists, is that
of 1774.

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NOUVELLE / TRADUCTION / de / Roland L'Amoureux. /
De Matheo Maria Boyardo Conte / Di Scandiano. / Deux
volumes in-12. ornez de Figures. / Tome Premier. / Le
Prix est de 5 livres. / (Ornament)

A Paris, / Chez Pierre Ribou, sur le Quay des /
Augustins, à la descente du Pont-Neuf, à l'Image Saint
Louis. / M.DCC.XVII. / Avec Approbation & Privilege du
Roy. / (1717)

9 plates, unsigned. Title and preliminaries, 8 leaves; A to Qq in eights and fours, alternately.

TOME SECOND. 9 plates unsigned. Title and preliminaries,
4 leaves; A to Qq in eights and fours, alternately.

2 vols. 12mo. *Red morocco extra, gilt leaves.*

This is a translation of Mathieu Marie Bojardo's *Orlando Innamorato*, the most celebrated work of this eminent Italian Poet. It was first printed in 1495 by order of the Comte Camille, Bojardo's son, and its first appearance into French was the translation made by Jacques Vincent in 1544.

There is no example of this work in the J. Pierpont Morgan and Baron James de Rothschild Libraries.

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NOUVELLE
TRADUCTION
DE
ROLAND L'AMOUREUX.

De MATHEO MARIA BOYARDO CONTE
DI SCANDIANO.

Deux volumes in-12. ornez de Figures.

TOME PREMIER.

Le prix est de 5 livres.



A PARIS,
Chez PIERRE RIBOU, sur le Quay des
Augustins, à la descente du Pont-Neuf, à
l'Image Saint Louis,

M. DCC. XVII.
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DE
LA FOIRE,
OU
L'OPERA COMIQUE.

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*Enrichies d'Estampes en Taille douce, avec une
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Recueillies, revûes, & corrigées.

Par Mrs. LE SAGE & D'ORNEVAL.

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vis-à-vis la Fontaine S. Severin, aux Armes
de Dombes.

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 Dombes. / M.DCCXXI. / Avec Approbation & Privilege
 du Roy. / (1721)

Frontispiece and 10 plates after Bonnart and Bonnart fils,
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 leaves; A to R² in twelves; Approbation and Privilege, 2 leaves;
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TOME II. *Ibid.* (1721)

10 plates after Bonnart fils by F. Poilly. Half-title and
 title, with list of contents on reverse, 2 leaves; A to T⁸ in
 twelves; Music, 64 pages.

TOME III. *Ibid.* (1721)

9 plates after Bonnart by F. Poilly. Half-title and title

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TOMES IV and V. Amsterdam, Zacharie Chatelain, 1726
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bation & Privilege du Roy. / (1728)

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TOME VII. *Ibid.*

A Paris. / Chez Pierre Gandouin, Quai des
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Approbation & Privilege du Roy. / (1731)

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TOME VIII. *Ibid.*

1731

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P

LES / PELERINS / DE / LA MECQUE. / Pièce en trois
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ment Traduite, / & purgée des moralitez superflües. / Par
Monsieur Le Sage. / Tome Premier. / (Fleuron)

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R

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S

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Le Garçon / de Bonne Humeur, / Tirée de l'Espagnol. /
Par Monsieur Le Sage. / Premier Partie. / (Ornament)

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se vendent chez Prault Père*, follows. This Catalogue is paged
181 to 205. Then comes the half-title, title, and preliminaries
of the Second Part, unnumbered, the first page of the text
recommencing with 181 again.

TOME II.

A Paris, / Chez Prault Pere, Quay de Gêvres, / au
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du Roy. / (1741)

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EN DEUX SEANCES.

Par M. L E S A G E.



A L A H A Y E,
Chez JEAN NEAULME:
MDCCXXXV.

U

LE BACHELIER / DE / SALAMANQUE, / ou / Les
Memoires / de D. Cherubin / De La Ronda, / Tirés d'un
Manuscrit Espagnol, / Par Monsieur Le Sage. / (Ornament)

A Paris, / Rue de la Vieille Bouclerie, près le
Pont S. Michel. / Chez / Valleyre Fils, à l'Annoncia-
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Le Sage first published this Novel in 1736, in three books in one volume, as a complete work and placed at the end “Fin du troisième & Dernier Livre.” In 1738 he reprinted the Work line for line and added a second volume (see *infra*). This reprint also bears the date 1736. The true *Edition Originale*, of which the present is an example, is distinguished from the reprint by the following “points”:

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(2) The words “Tome I” are missing from the first page of each sheet by the side of the signature.

(3) At the end of the text on one line are the words: “Fin du troisième & *dernier* Livre.”

(4) Page 236 is incorrectly numbered 136.

Of these four “Points” Le Petit mentions only the second.

The Spanish Manuscript from which Le Sage says he took this Novel is purely imaginative.

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SALAMANQUE,

OU

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DE D. CHERUBIN

DE LA RONDA;

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1738 although the title-page to Tome I bears the date 1736.

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THE / BACHELOR / OF / SALAMANCA. / Or, / Memoirs /
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 originally in French by / Mr. Le Sage ; Author of the
 Devil upon / Two Sticks, and Gil Blas. / Translated by
 Mr. Lockman. /

Dublin : / Printed by George Faulkner Bookseller
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The present is the translation of the first three books of Le Sage's Work. The second volume of the original Work in French did not appear until 1738, a year after this English version was printed (see *supra*).

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RECUEIL / DES PIECES / Mises Au Theatre François / Par
M. Le Sage. / Tome Premier. / (Fleuron)

A Paris, / Chez Jacques Barois Fils, Quay / des
Augustins, à la Ville de Nevers. / M.DCC.XXXIX. / Avec
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 (Ornament)

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deux actes / publié par / H. de Rothschild / Préface de
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